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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 5530.0020-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Brett HAARALA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3763
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Serial No.: 09/690,473) Examiner: M. Hayes
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Filed: October 18, 2000)
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For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE PORT)
AND METHOD FOR INSERTING)
SAME)
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is an Amendment responsive to the Office Action of December 28, 2001. The following item(s) are appropriate:

A claim fee is calculated below:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Total | 31 | - | 20 | 11 | x \$ 18 | \$ 198.00 |
| Indep. | 7 | - | 6 | 1 | x \$ 84 | 84.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) | | | | | +\$280 | 0 |
| Subtotal | | | | | | \$ 282.00 |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity | | | | | | - 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | \$ 282.00 |

☒ A check for \$282.00 to cover the \$198.00 total claim fee and \$84.00 independent claim fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 12, 2002

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 10, amend claims 11, 12, and 45, and add new claims 48-
59, as follows:

--11. (Amended) An access port device to be implanted in a patient's
body, the access port device comprising:
a body portion having an upper body, a lower body attachable to
the upper body, and a self-sealing septum between the upper and lower bodies;
an outlet for fixedly attaching a catheter to the body portion; and

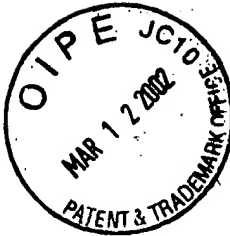
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